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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET EDUCATION

KIRGIZ MINISTER GIVES STATISTICS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 22, 2 Feb 49

In 1940, there were 10,099 teachers, including 4,870 Kirgiz natives, teaching in Kirgiz schools. There are at present 14,737, including 7,082 Kirgiz. Of this number, 3,500 teachers, or three times as many as in 1940, have either completed or partially completed their higher education.

Pedagogical schools have trained 2,385 teachers in the last 9 years; teachers and pedagogical institutes have prepared 2,826 teachers.

The network of secondary schools is steadily expanding. In 1948, over 860 Kirgiz students finished secondary schools; the number of students graduating in the spring of 1949 will be around 1,200.

The number of special educational institutions in the Republic has increased. A pedagogical school for girls was opened in Frunze, and a teachers' institute in Dzhalsal-Abad. The Kirgiz State Pedagogical Institute was promoted to a first-class higher educational institution with a yearly admission of 600 students. At the present time, 4,746 students, including 2,688 Kirgiz, are studying in pedagogical schools of the Republic.

Textbooks in the Kirgiz language have been published on most of the school subjects in the last 3 years. There is a sufficient supply of Russian textbooks in the Republic. (From an article by B. Yunusaliyev, Minister of Education, Kirgiz SSR.)

ARMENIAN TEACHERS RECEIVE AWARDS -- ~~Communist~~, No 25, 1 Feb 49

A group of 828 teachers in the schools of Armenian SSR have been awarded orders and medals of the Soviet Union by a decree of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Of those, 62 received the Order of Lenin; 47, the Order of the Red Banner of Labor; 53, the Badge of Honor; 208, the Medal for Labor Valor; and 453, the Medal for Labor Excellence.

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MOLDAVIAN VILLAGES ELIMINATE ILLITERACY -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 23, 4 Feb 49

Members of groups for the elimination of illiteracy in Chimishliyskiy Rayon Bendery Uyezd, Moldavian SSR, have worked 20 hours per week since the beginning of the school year. This has made it possible, in a number of groups, to complete fully the training program for illiterates.

Examinations were held in January. Students in Aleksandrovka Village in the group directed by Fedor Kopakli have passed their tests successfully. There is no longer a single illiterate in the village. Nine persons in the village of Zhavgur have also completed their studies successfully. Illiteracy has been eliminated in 20 villages of the rayon. A total of 270 persons have taken examinations.

GEOLOGICAL STUDENTS RECRUITED IN FAR EAST -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 14, 18 Jan 49

The Far East State Geological Administration is admitting students to a 3-month course for laboratory workers and mineralogists. Women with 7-9 courses in education are admitted. The Administration is also recruiting workers for field parties. Apply: personnel department, 21 Krasnoflotskaya Street, Khabarovsk.

POWER-ENGINEERING SCHOOLS CONFER -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 26, 2 Feb 49

The all-Union conference of workers of power-engineering schools of the Ministry of Power Plants USSR opened in Leningrad on 1 February. The purpose of the conference is to discuss methods to improve the standards of curriculum planning and the technical equipment of study laboratories.

The Leningrad Technical School of Power Engineering arranged a large exhibition for the opening day of the conference, showing the best plans of students for boiler and steam-turbine installations, hydrotechnical machinery, power plant buildings, etc.

The conference will continue for 5 days.

KAMCHATKA TRAINS FISH SPECIALISTS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 9, 12 Jan 49

The Kamchatka Maritime Fish Technical School, organized during World War II, has trained more than 100 specialists, including pilots, technicians, ship mechanics, and industrial technicians for the fish industry. Teachers at the school include 2 scientific associates, and various skilled engineers. Extracurricular activities are on a high cultural level and a military physical training program has been organized. (From an article by I. Nikolin, director, Maritime Fish Industrial Technical School.)

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